

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 22, 2004

**FROM:** JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Director  
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT:** AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR INFORMATION AND  
EDUCATION PROGRAM

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve State grant agreement number 03-75840 in the amount of \$300,000, for the period of November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006, from the Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning (OFP) for the Information and Education Program (I & E).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item will allow the Department to receive funding for the Information and Education Program. This grant is part of a statewide family planning program established to provide information and education services for the I & E Program. Section 14501 of the Welfare and Institutions Code requires the Office of Family Planning (OFP) to make available to citizens of the State of childbearing age comprehensive medical knowledge, assistance, and services relating to the planning of families. Section 14503 defines family planning services to include information and educational services.

On August 5, 2003, the Board approved the submission of the Grant Application to the Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning in the amount of \$450,000 for State and Federal Funding. On November 21, 2003, the Department received the Notice of Intent to Award in the amount of \$300,000 for the period of FY 2003-2006. The grant agreement is being brought to the Board at this time, as the agreement was not received until May 25, 2004.

Program Goals

The purpose of the I & E Program is to fund prevention and health education program activities that address the problems of teen and unintended pregnancies. The I & E Program provides funding for education programs that emphasize primary prevention to enhance knowledge, attitudes, and skills of adolescents and young men and women of childbearing age to make responsible decisions relevant to sexual behavior.

The Department has targeted three (3) goals for the program:

- Reduce teen and unintended pregnancies.
- Promote postponing parenthood until one is able to provide for the physical, emotional social and economic well-being of a child.
- Increase community involvement in building families through awareness of the effects of teen and unintended pregnancies.

The I & E Program utilizes three strategies that incorporate youth development principles and are designed to decrease teen pregnancy and increase male involvement. First, required of all I & E Projects, a Prevention Education strategy will be used to target pre-sexually active adolescents in San Bernardino County. The implementation of the Postponing Sexual Involvement curriculum will provide eight-hours of life skills education to encourage delayed onset of sexual activity among adolescents ages 13-15.

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Education and Support for Significant Adults, Parents, and other Caregivers of Adolescents is another strategy that is employed. These interactive parent-only workshops are designed to increase positive parental support and family communication. The third strategy, Informational Presentations, is used to provide outreach and educational activities to create awareness and provide information about unintended pregnancy, responsible fatherhood, sexually transmitted infections, and other related topics to high-risk, sexually active adolescents.

There are no matching funds required for this grant. Funds are available only during the fiscal year appropriated.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on June 9, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on June 9, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** This item imposes no local County Cost. Expenditures are fully reimbursed by the Department of Health Services. Appropriations and revenue in the amount of \$100,000 were included in the Department of Public Health's approved FY 2003-04 and FY 2004-05 budgets and will be included in the FY 2005-06 proposed budget.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no additional cost to the County.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146